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In re Application of)
Robert L. Crook, et al.) Group: 1731
Serial No.: 10/550,476)
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PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 5.25

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this petition for foreign filing license be granted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 5.25 retroactively to March 25, 2003, March 24, 2004, and October 25, 2005. In support of this petition, the following is stated:

1. The above-identified U.S. patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 371 to GB0306769.1 and PCT/EP2004/050359, respectively.
2. A filing receipt for the present application was mailed on September 27, 2006, indicating that the foreign filing license has been granted.
3. Patent application no. GB0306769.1 was filed in Great Britain on March 25, 2003 without a license for foreign filing.
4. PCT patent application no. PCT/EP2004/050359 was filed on March 24, 2004 without a license for foreign filing. A copy of the PCT/EP2004/050359 application was filed with the present application.
5. On September 23, 2005, the PCT/EP2004/050359 patent application entered the national stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and

is further identified in the caption above. The inventors are Robert L. Crook, Sanjay Patel, William Daniel Aldrich, and Per Ola Lidar.

6. On October 25, 2005, the PCT/EP2004/050359 patent application entered the European phase (publication no. EP1620598).

7. Attached hereto is a declaration of Hans-Georg Keck made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 5.25(a)(3)(i)-(iii), establishing: (a) that the subject matter was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad and that it is not currently under a secrecy order; (b) the license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing; and (c) providing an explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under § 5.11 first having been obtained.

Credit card payment in the amount of \$ 130.00 is electronically filed to cover the fee required for this Petition for Retroactive License (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)). If any additional fee is required, please charge to Account No. 20-0095, Taylor & Aust, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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